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Music Director: Dustin Bowers

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

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*Welcome to worship during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.  
May you encounter a spirit of hope and encouragement.*

### **Music as We Gather**

#### **◆ Opening Hymn: VU158:**

“Christ is Alive”

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift, and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## **Acknowledgement of the Land**

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**

### **Welcome, Life and Work of the Community**

**Call to Worship:** "Litany of the Spirit"  
(Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie & Mary Hess Northey)

### **Words of Assurance**

**Responsive selection:** Psalm 8 *paraphrased by Neil Paynter*  
(led by Nelson Pickett)

**All: Wonderful God, Creator,  
the whole earth declares your greatness.**

W.L. Your glory glows in the heavens.  
It is babbled by babies and sung by children.

**People: You are safe from all your enemies:  
those who oppose you are silenced.**

W.L. When I look at the sky which you have made,  
the moon and the stars that you set in place:

**People: Where do human beings fit in the pattern?  
What are we, that you care for us?**

W.L. You have made us only a little lower than yourself;  
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**People: You share with us responsibility to care for sheep  
and cattle, wild things, birds and fish, everything that  
lives in the sea: to work with you, within creation.**

**All: Wonderful God, Creator,  
the whole earth declares your greatness.**

**Time for the Young at Heart:** "Papa's Promise"

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

**All:** ...**may we hear the stories from our faith history that inspire us to embrace the promise and new life of the empty tomb.**

Reader: In the name of Jesus, the Risen One...

**All:** ...**Amen.**

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

◆ **Hymn: VU574** "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true, tender and true,  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell  
joyfully came, joyfully came,  
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,  
sharing their sorrow and shame,  
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;  
    why do they roam? why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
    home, weary wanderers, home!  
Wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!  
    Come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life till it rises above  
    envy and falsehood and pride:  
seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

**Meditation:** "Colouring Outside the Lines"

### **Music for Meditation**

◆ **Hymn: MV138:** "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places  
where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body, and soul need a soaking from time to time.  
And we'll never move the gravestones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,  
Turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
And takes me into places where I've never been before,  
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body, and soul need a soaking from time to time.

And we'll never move the gravestones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries  
where I've never been before,  
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

### **The New Creed:**

One: Let's share together in the New Creed:

**All: We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Offer Our Gifts**

#### **Dedication of Our Gifts**

#### **Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer (VU916)**

One: Let us share together in a paraphrase of the Jesus Prayer...

**All Eternal Spirit,**

**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**◆ Closing Hymn: VU289**

**“It Only Takes a Spark”**

- 1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone,  
you want to pass it on.
- 2 What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees  
are budding,  
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
you want to pass it on.
- 3 I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -  
on God you can depend, it matters not where  
you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top;

I want my world to know:  
the Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.

◆ **Blessing as We Go Forth**

**Music as We Depart**

**Prayer Cycle**

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our  
mission in the world.

Regional Council Prayer Cycle  
for the week of May 29, 2022

**Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge, Demorestville  
Friendship United Church, Picton**

*[East Central Ontario Regional Council]*

***THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS-May 29, 2022***

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| <b>Duty</b>                 | <i>Nelson Pickett</i>              |
| <b>Elevator</b>             | <i>Barry Cowling</i>               |
| <b>Ushers/Greeters</b>      | <i>Carol Murduff, Jack Murduff</i> |
| <b>Scripture Reader</b>     | <i>Nelson Pickett</i>              |
| <b>Congregational Elder</b> | <i>Mary Hess Northey</i>           |
| <b>Sound</b>                | <i>Bill VanTol / Alex Brunton</i>  |
| <b>Video</b>                | <i>Ron Kervin / Nelson Pickett</i> |
| <b>Videographer</b>         | <i>Ken Nash, John Taylor</i>       |

*We welcome Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie from Trinity United Church*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AFFIRM COMMITTEE MEETING**, meet on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Lower Wright Hall.

**OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7 pm. in Lower Wright Hall

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY-** is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support! Next date: June 12<sup>th</sup>